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DEPOSITION METHOD FOR NANOSTRUCTURE
MATERIALS
Our Ref. No. 421/170/8

Sir:

Please find enclosed in connection with the subject U.S. patent application the following documents:

1. Information Disclosure Statement (2 pages);
2. Form PTO-1449 (1 page) in duplicate;
3. Copies of cited references (2 references); and
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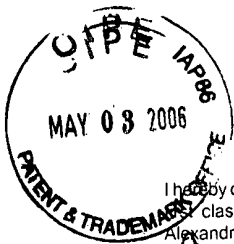
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